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FOR

HISTAMINE AND SEROTONIN BINDING MOLECULES

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, which is now due for response on March 31, 2003, since March 30, 2003 fell on a Sunday, along with a Petition for Five-Month Extension of Time, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I.

Claim(s) 1-7, 10, and 18-44, drawn to a histamine or serotonin binding compound of Figure 1, nucleic acid molecule, vector, host cell, and method of treating or preventing inflammation or allergic reaction.

Group II.

Claim(s) 1-7, 10, and 18-44, drawn to a histamine or serotonin binding compound of Figure 2, nucleic acid molecule, vector, host cell, and